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German Document DE19627891 discloses a process for removing water from a web of paper (12) carried between first (14) and second (15) surfaces, comprises applying a vacuum to the second, air-permeable surface in order to create a falling pressure gradient through the second surface. Also claimed is an arrangement for the process which includes a first impermeable surface (14) and a second air-permeable surface (16). The paper (12) passes between the two and a vacuum source is applied to the second surface to create a pressure gradient which falls in the direction from the paper through the second surface.

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